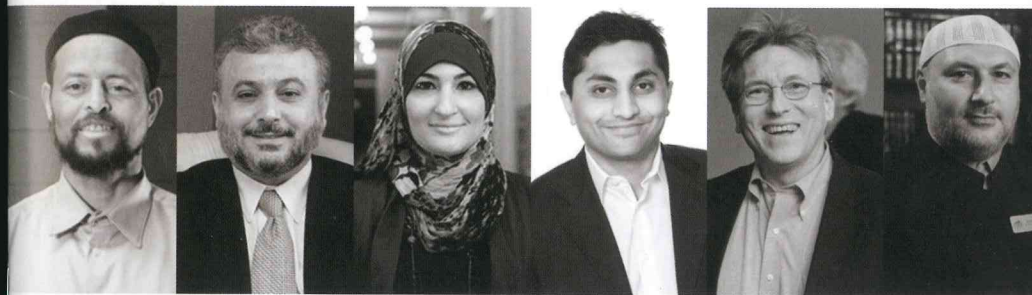


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9th Annual Banquet | May 4th, 2013 | Donald E. Stephens Convention Center

# WELCOME

Dear Civil Rights Supporters,

Assalamu Alaikum – Peace be upon you – and welcome to the 9th Annual CAIR-Chicago Banquet.



We are grateful and proud to celebrate yet another year of success with you. This year's theme, "#HateFree," highlights CAIR-Chicago's commitment to fighting Islamophobia and other forms of bigotry. Over the last few years, we have played a leading role, nationally, in exposing rabid instances of Islamophobia and responding to them. We have built a strong track record of defending the American-Muslim community against anti-Muslim propaganda in the media, and civil rights violations in the court systems.

We cannot continue to succeed without your support.

Eleven years after 9/11, the phenomenon of Islamophobia is still a reality. This is directly due to the growth of a well-funded, ideologically-driven cottage industry, dedicated to smearing Islam and Muslims at each opportunity. We are committed to speaking out both against this ugly un-American phenomenon and the anti-Muslim extremism that fuels it, while we also continue to condemn extremism within the ranks of Muslims.

Hate is for the opposition. Hope is for us.

And yet peace, prosperity, and empowerment for our community and country require more than just hope; they require responsibility, confidence, unity, and optimism. And more than anything, they demand our entrepreneurial spirits and dedicated action.

This is the mindset with which CAIR-Chicago charts a new course for the future - a future in which we invest heavily in hands-on youth development programs and career mentoring internships - a future that is #HateFree.

Together we can ensure that this institution, which is dedicated to cutting-edge professional activism continues to grow and prosper.

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# EVENT PROGRAM

*Safaa Zarzour, Master of Ceremonies*

**Reception & Registration 6:00PM to 7:00PM**

**Program 7:00PM to 10:00PM**

**Quranic Recitation** *Dr. Abdulghany Tabbara*

**English Translation** *Dana Jabri*

**Welcome** *Rabya Khan  
(Staff Attorney)*

**Dinner Served**

**Trailblazer Award** *Joshua Hoyt*

**Community Service Award** *Linda Sarsour*

**Public Service Award** *Ameya Pawar*

**Maghrib Prayer 8:00PM**

**2013 Documentary Film** *Sufyan Sohel  
(Deputy Director)*

**Executive Director Remarks** *Ahmed Rehab*

**Fundraiser** *Sheikh Kifah Mustapha*

**Keynote Speech** *Imam Zaid Shakir*

**Closing Prayer**



# IMAM ZAID SHAKIR

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Imam Zaid Shakir is a co-founder of Zaytuna College, located in Berkeley, CA, and also teaches Islamic law and history.

He obtained a B.A. with summa cum laude in International Relations at American University in Washington D.C. and later earned his M.A. in Political Science from Rutgers University. In 1994, he departed for Syria to further his studies in the traditional Islamic Sciences. He Studied Arabic, Islamic law, Quranic studies, and Islamic spirituality for seven years in Syria, and briefly in Morocco, with some of the top Muslim scholars of our age. He graduated from Syria's prestigious

in 2001 with a B.A. in Islamic Studies and returned to Connecticut to continue his work with the Muslim community in America.

Trained in both the academic and religious intellectual traditions, Imam Shakir is uniquely qualified as a commentator on the substantial issues of our time. He brings clarity of mind and engaging honesty to even the most controversial issues.

As a compelling force for the improvement of race relations in America, and amongst the most respected global Islamic scholars, The New York Times describes him as a "leading intellectual light." Imam Shakir has served as an advisor to many organizations and \* influential leaders.

As a gifted author and lecturer, Imam Shakir was recently ranked as "one of the most influential Scholars" in the West; by The 500 Most Influential Muslims, edited by John Esposito and Ibrahim Kalin, (2009).

Through his scholarship and activism, Imam Zaid Shakir has demonstrated his commitment to creating a #HateFree society.

# JOSHUA HOYT

## TRAILBLAZER AWARD



Joshua Hoyt is ICIRR's Chief Strategy Executive. He was the Director of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights from May of 2002 to February of 2012.

During this time the Coalition fought vigorously for citizenship for the undocumented, to protect civil liberties in the wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001, and for a full integration of immigrants into the American Dream. The Coalition has helped to make Illinois one of the most immigrant friendly states in the U.S., and is considered one of the most effective immigrant organizations in the

Hoyt was invited to meet with President Obama in the White House on March 11, 2010 in negotiations over immigration reform. He returned to the White House on May 1, 2010 to be arrested in an act of non-violent civil disobedience with Congressman Luis Gutierrez to draw attention to the urgent need to end the destruction of families through deportation.

Hoyt has worked a total of 33 years as an organizer for social justice in Chicago, Baltimore, and in the countries of Spain, Peru, and Panama.

This year, CAIR-Chicago salutes Joshua Hoyt for his courageous and effective leadership in pushing for comprehensive immigration reform. Through his work, Hoyt has demonstrated his commitment to creating a #HateFree society.



# LINDA SARSOOR

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



Linda Sarsour is a working woman, community activist, and mother of three. Ambitious, outspoken and independent, Sarsour shatters stereotypes of Muslim women while also treasuring her religious and ethnic heritage. She is a Palestinian Muslim American and a self-proclaimed "pure New Yorker, born and raised in Brooklyn!"

Currently she is the National Advocacy Director for the National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC) and ACCESS and locally serves as the Director of the Arab American Association of New York, a social service agency serving

the Arab community in NYC.

In the 2008 elections, Sarsour coordinated the largest and most successful "Get out the vote!" effort in the Arab American community in Brooklyn, with over 130 canvassers and 8000 doors knocked. Sarsour has been featured in local, national, and international media speaking on topics ranging from women's issues, Islam, domestic policy and political discussions on the Middle East conflict. Sarsour's strengths are in the areas of community development, youth empowerment, community organizing, civic engagement and immigrants' rights advocacy.

In 2012, Sarsour was selected by the White House to be commended for her work by officially naming her a "Champion of Change." CAIR-Chicago salutes Linda Sarsour for being a prominent voice against hate and bigotry in New York and across the nation. Through her activism, Sarsour has demonstrated her commitment to creating a #HateFree society.

# AMEYA PAWAR

## PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



Ameya Pawar is the Alderman of Chicago's 47th Ward. Prior to his election, Pawar was on staff at Northwestern University in the Office of Emergency Management. At Northwestern, Pawar was responsible for the development of a university-wide business continuity program.

While working at Northwestern, Pawar and two of his classmates from the University of Chicago were awarded a contract from Taylor and Francis to write a textbook based on their work in emergency management.

Response Management from the University of Chicago and a M.P.A. in Public Administration from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Pawar is currently enrolled in a third master's degree program at the University of Chicago in the school of Social Service Administration. In 2009, Pawar was a US State Department Scholar.

Pawar is also active in his community – he sits on the board of directors on the 47th Ward's Common Pantry and the state-wide advocacy organization, the Illinois Center for Violence Prevention. After taking office, Governor Patrick Quinn appointed Pawar to serve on the Illinois Innovation Council (IIC) – Pawar will be working with IIC members and the Governor to help jump-start innovation and job creation in Illinois.

CAIR-Chicago recognizes Alderman Ameya Pawar for the integral role he played in introducing an anti-hate resolution to the Chicago City Council; the bill condemned hate attacks against minorities including Sikh American and Muslim American communities. Through his public service, Ameya Pawar has demonstrated his commitment to creating a #HateFree society.



# SHEIKH KIFAH MUSTAPHA

## THE MOBILIZER



Sheikh Kifah Mustapha is widely known within the Chicago Muslim community as an Imam at the Mosque Foundation.

Although he can usually be found at the Mosque Foundation, Sheikh Kifah Mustapha extends his wisdom to the interfaith community in the greater Chicagoland area. Inspirational and motivating, his khutbahs energize and mobilize communities to commit themselves to justice and equality - two founding principles in Islam.

Sheikh Mustapha also serves as the Chairman of the Illinois Council of Imams

and Scholars and the President for the Shura of Islamic Family Counselors of America. He's also the Chairman of the Qur'an Institute of Chicago MAS.

As a Muslim Chicagoland mobilizer, Sheikh Kifah Mustapha has garnered the support of the Muslim and interfaith community around various causes while enlightening them through Islamic teachings and thought.

Through his work as an imam and interfaith leader, Sheikh Kifah Mustapha has demonstrated his commitment to creating a #HateFree society.

# SAFAA ZARZOUR

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES



While serving as the General Counsel and Chief Operations Officer at Zakat Foundation, Safaa also acts as the principal of Zarzour Law Offices, LLC. Zarzour focuses his law practice in the areas of local government, education and nonprofit law.

Prior to his law career, Zarzour was an educator for over 12 years. He served as a Principal of the Universal School, one of the largest PreK-12 independent Islamic Schools in the United States. During his tenure the school tripled its enrollment and became a leader among Islamic schools in North America. Zarzour

continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Universal School today. Zarzour also currently works as an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School teaching courses in Education and Islamic Law.

Zarzour has served in various capacities in his village including as a Zoning Commissioner, and an elected public library trustee. He was elected Commissioner of the Bridgeview Park District in 2006. In addition, Zarzour actively serves on a variety of non-profit boards, including the Council of Islamic Schools in North America, the ISNA Education Forum, and the Catholic-Muslim Education Project.

Zarzour's civic and educational work has been featured in the media including 60 Minutes, PBS Front Line, Chicago Tribune and Time Magazine. Zarzour has received several honors and awards for his public service including the Chicago Commission on Human Relations' Outstanding Service Award.

Safaa Zarzour was the founding Chairman of CAIR-Chicago. Throughout his life and his various strands of work, Zarzour has demonstrated his commitment to creating a #HateFree society.



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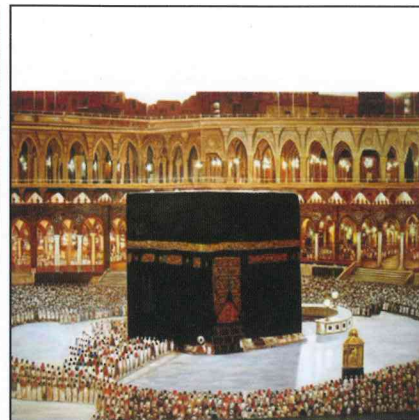


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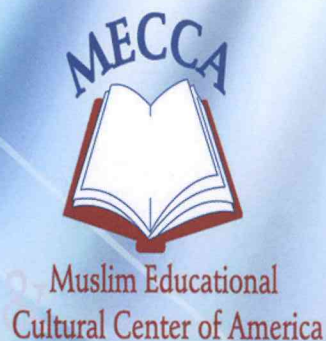
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